

Counseling Master's

Department Information

- **Program Information:**
ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/counselor-education (<http://ndsu.edu/programs/graduate/counselor-education/>)
- **Department Web Site:**
ndsu.edu/ceduc/ (<http://ndsu.edu/ceduc/>)
- **Application Deadline:**
February 1
- **Credential Offered:**
M.S., M.Ed.
- **English Proficiency Requirements:**
TOEFL iBT 71, IELTS 6; Duolingo 105

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The Counseling program does not credential, license, or certify graduates. However, our program meets counseling educational standards and prepares students to meet credentialing, licensure, and/or certification requirements. Students who plan to work outside of North Dakota should discuss their plans with their advisers and review these out-of-state requirements.

Master of Education (M.Ed.) Curriculum

Code	Title	Credits
Required Courses		
EDUC 703	Research, Measurement and Program Evaluation	3
CNED 710	Counseling Techniques	3
CNED 711	Counseling Theory	3
CNED 712	Counseling Across the Lifespan	3
CNED 713	Assessment Techniques	3
CNED 714	Career Counseling and Testing	3
CNED 715	Professional Orientation and Ethics	3
CNED 716	Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling	3
CNED 720	Group Counseling	3
CNED 732	Family Counseling	3
CNED 734	Dynamics of Addiction	3
CNED 731	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
CNED 794	(Practicum)	3
CNED 794	(Internship)	6-9
Specialization Options		
Clinical Mental Health Counseling		
CNED 730	Crisis and Trauma in Counseling Practice	3
CNED 723	Psychopathology and Diagnosis for Counselors	3
CNED 863	Advanced Clinical Assessment, Report Writing, & Treatment Planning	3
CNED 890		3
Elective (if doing 6 credits of internship)		3
OR		
School Counseling		
CNED 728	Guidance Administration and Consulting	3
CNED 729	Professional K-12 School Counseling	3

Electives/Teacher Education Courses	6 (9 if doing 6 credits of internship)
Total Credits (required courses, plus specialty option)	60

Master of Science Curriculum

School Counseling Specialization

Code	Title	Credits
I. Professional Counseling Orientation and Ethics		
CNED 715	Professional Orientation and Ethics	3
II. Social and Cultural Diversity		
CNED 716	Social and Cultural Foundtions of Counseling	3
III. Helping Growth and Development		
CNED 712	Counseling Across the Lifespan	3
CNED 731	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
IV. Career and Lifestyle Development		
CNED 714	Career Counseling and Testing	3
V. Counseling and Helping Relationships		
CNED 710	Counseling Techniques	3
CNED 711	Counseling Theory	3
CNED 732	Family Counseling	3
VI. Group Counseling and Group Work		
CNED 720	Group Counseling	3
VII. Assessment and Testing		
CNED 713	Assessment Techniques	3
VIII. Research & Program Evaluation		
EDUC 703	Research, Measurement and Program Evaluation	3
IX. School Counseling Practice		
CNED 728	Guidance Administration and Consulting	15
CNED 729	Professional K-12 School Counseling	
CNED 734	Dynamics of Addiction	
Teacher Education Course or Elective (two courses)		
X. Practicum		
CNED 794		3
XI. Internship		
CNED 794		3
XII. Research		
CNED 798		6
Total Credits		60

Clinical Mental Health Counseling

Code	Title	Credits
CNED 712	Counseling Across the Lifespan	3
CNED 734	Dynamics of Addiction	3
CNED 716	Social and Cultural Foundations of Counseling	3
CNED 710	Counseling Techniques	3
CNED 711	Counseling Theory	3

CNED 732	Family Counseling	3
CNED 720	Group Counseling	3
CNED 714	Career Counseling and Testing	3
CNED 713	Assessment Techniques	3
EDUC 703	Research, Measurement and Program Evaluation	3
CNED 731	Counseling Children and Adolescents	3
CNED 715	Professional Orientation and Ethics	3
CNED 794		3
CNED 794		6
CNED 798		3
Clinical Mental Health Counseling Program		
CNED 730	Crisis and Trauma in Counseling Practice	3
CNED 723	Psychopathology and Diagnosis for Counselors	3
CNED 863	Advanced Clinical Assessment, Report Writing, & Treatment Planning	3
CNED 890		3
School Counseling Program		
CNED 728	Guidance Administration and Consulting	3
CNED 729	Professional K-12 School Counseling	3
Electives/Teacher Education Courses		6
Total Required Credits		60

Admission and Application Requirements

- Graduate School admission and application requirements are found on the Admission Information (<https://catalog.ndsu.edu/past-bulletin-archive/2025-2026/graduate/admission-information/>) page.
- In addition, this program requires applicants to have earned a minimum undergraduate cumulative GPA of 3.0 on a 4.0 scale, or a minimum GPA of 3.0 on 10 semester credits of graduate coursework*
 - *In rare cases, if an applicant does not meet the 3.0 GPA guideline set above, but has between a 2.5 and 3.0 GPA, faculty may consider them for conditional acceptance into the program. In this situation, the applicant must include in the application materials a separate letter explaining the circumstances related to the lower GPA and defining specific measures taken to prepare for current academic success. If faculty members determine the prospective student shows potential as evidenced by their application materials, they will invite them for an interview. If accepted following the interview, they receive conditional acceptance.